Candidate Statement - Simon Hill

I have been acting as temporary chair for the Ultimate Committee throughout 2011. It is a challenging role, and the committee has a lot to do at the moment. I'm keen to continue in the role for another two years. Beyond supporting the ongoing activities within the four subcommittees, my goal is that WFDF will publish decisions further in advance. From my perspective as a player, an administrator within a National Federation, and a WFDF Board member, this is a theme that runs throughout almost everything that we do at the moment – and it is an issue we need to resolve.

With this in mind I see the following areas as our current priorities:

- Urgently finalizing and publishing decisions on WFDF events in 2012 and 2013, and sticking to the timetable we've set for WUCC 2014.
- Reviewing/updating the timing and frequency of WFDF (and continental) ultimate events recent additions to the calendar have left Federations and players struggling to manage conflicts of timing and frequency of events. It is vital that this process is inclusive of beach ultimate, regional/continental competitions, and the junior and U23 divsions.
- Continuing work to improve the process by which hosts bid for WFDF events, and to enhance the level of support and oversight that WFDF provides before and during the events. In particular of course we must bring event-hosting decisions earlier so that Federations and players have more time to prepare.
- Clarifying and publishing up-front the processes by which team-bids will be allocated at WUCC 2014, WUGC 2016 and beyond.
- Supporting the Rules sub-committee in completing an ongoing update to the Championship Appendix; and seeking to increase the level of coordination with USAU in this area going forwards. Setting out a timetable for competition rule changes where players, teams and Federations need time to adapt (e.g. changes to Masters age-limit).
- Looking to make further changes to the Ultimate Committee in order that regional/continental representation and coordination is built into the structure.

There are of course various other areas of importance, and the three that strike me are: Anti-Doping, Spirit of the Game and World Games 2013.

Anti-Doping. My priority in this area is that WFDF concentrates on supporting athlete education.

SOTG. I'm a big fan of the work the Spirit of the Game sub-committee has done in the last few years; and I believe we should be continuing to build on that work with more materials and tools to support this aspect of our sport.

World Games 2013. I was lucky enough to be a coach at the last World Games, and it was a great experience! I started the journey concerned about the level of resources being spent on so few Ultimate players. I came away more confident that it provides Ultimate with a great opportunity to interact with the wider sporting community, and I believe that in long-term that sort of interaction will result in indirect benefits to Ultimate players around the World in terms of recognition and support.